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In re the Application of

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BOX: SEQUENCE

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For:

cDNA SEQUENCE TRANSCRIBING AN mRNA ENCODING THE TERMINAL OXIDASE ASSOCIATED WITH CAROTENOID BIOSYNTHESIS, AND USES

THEREOF

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Patent Office communication mailed May 21, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At the end of the application, please replace the current Sequence Listing with the attached paper and computer-readable Sequence Listing.

Page 14, lines 11-27, delete current paragraphs and insert therefor:

Figure 1 shows the cDNA sequence (SEQ ID NO: 1) and the corresponding amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO: 2) of TOCB. The N-terminal potential transit peptide of the chloroplast is underscored. The probable cleavage point is indicated by an asterisk (*). The open triangles indicate the position of the introns.

Figure 2 shows the comparison between the TOCB protein (residues 111-299 of SEQ ID NO: 2) and the AOX protein of soybean (SEQ ID NO: 8). (+) indicates the similar